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SUBJ: PROPOSALS ON ITEM ON ISRAELI PRACTICES IN OCCUPIED TERRS

1. DURING 27 TH GA, IN SPECIAL POLITICAL COMITE DEBATE TN
ISRAELI PRACTICES CONCERNING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF POPULATION OF
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, VARIOUS SUGGESTIONS WERE OFFERED BY
TEN DIFFERENT DELS. UN SECRETARIAT HAS FORMULATED FOLLOWING
SYNOPSIS OF THOSE PROPOSALS:

"1. THAT THE ICRC SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AS A SUBSTITUTE
FOR A PROTECTING POWER UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTION;

"2. THAT THE SECRETARY- GENERAL OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE
SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO REPORT ON THE SITUATION IN THE
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES;

"3. THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD APPOINT A SUBSIDIARY
ORGAN TO OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 237(1967), 25 9(1968) AND 298
(1971); AND

"4. THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE INVESTIGATION OF
ALLEGED VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN RESPECT
OF EACH STATE WHOSE TERRITORY AND CIVILIAN POPULATION
IS UNDER OCCUPATION BY TWO PARTIES, ONE NOMINATED BY
THAT STATE AND THE OTHER NOMINATED BY ISRAEL, BE PUT
INTO EFFECT. THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED
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THAT ' SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR THE PROPER
REPRESENTATION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE LARGE POPULATION

IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN
GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY OF RECOGNIZING ITS RIGHT OF SELF-
DETERMINATION.'"

2. USYG MORSE HAS INFORMALLY ASKED AMB PHILLIPS WHETHER US WOULD
BE WILLING PARTICIPATE IN INFORMAL MEETING ALONG WITH REPS OF
UK, CANADA, TURKEY, NORWAY, SYRIA, BULGARIA, MALI AND TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO TO DISCUSS THOSE VARIOUS PROPOSALS. HE HAS ALREADY, WE
UNDERSTAND, RAISED MATTER WITH UK AND NORWAY WHO ARE SEEKING
INSTRUCTIONS.

3. WE PLAN TO ADVISE MORSE THAT WE HAVE STRONG RESERVATIONS ABOUT
WISDOM OF HIS CONVENING MEETING AND WOULD WISH CONSULT DEPT BEFORE
DECIDING WHETHER TO ATTEND. OUR REASONING IS THAT (A) THERE IS
LITTLE LIKELIHOOD PARTIES CONCERNED WOULD AGREE ON ANY OF
FORMULATIONS PROPOSED; (B) SOME OF PROPOSALS WERE MADE IN DEBATE
PRIMIARLY TO ILLUSTRATE SHORTCOMINGS OF PRESENT COMITE (SRILANKA,
YUGOSLAVIA AND SOMALIA); (C) OPENING THIS ITEM THIS WAY MIGHT
HINDER RATHER THAN RPOMOTE CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORTS TO RESOLVE
MID- EAST DISPUTE.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT' S COMMENTS ON ABOVE.
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